WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

A GAMBLING PLACE RAIDED ACROSS THE POTOMAC RIVER.

There Is Not Much Gambling in the Capital, Though There Are Many Poker Games in Botels, Homes, Boarding Houses and Elsewhere-Some Stories.

[Special Correspondence.] WASHINGTON, June 2.-When one cannot do anything else in Washington be may sit down and gossip. It is a great place for gossip. There is gossip on the street cars and in the herdies, in hotel corridors, in the lobbies of congress, on street corners and in the drinking saloons. Of late I have heard a good deal of talk about the morality, or the lack of it, of distinguished statesmen. In Washington the gambling laws are pretty well enforced, so far as the public houses are concerned; but over the Virginia they are not so particular. Last across from the capital, was invaded by the sheriff of the Virginia county and broken up. I am told that six members of congress were in the delectable party, sitting about the green covered tables betting their money on favorite cards. A number of these unfortunate gentlemen were so cager to conceal themselves from the vulgar gaze in that trying moment that they fled to the woods and thus missed the boat which brought the other votaries of fortune back to the city. The result of this he said, I generally make the boys hump was that the aforesaid statesmen had to take care of themselves.' Then,' I walk to town across muddy fields and after nightfall. It would be cruel to give their want at this store. Mind you, I do not ap

Only a few days ago a policeman of the capital city was hauled up by his superior officers for some neglect of duty. The officers for some neglect of duty. The debtor. We'll ship your goods in two or man's excuse was that on the occasion of three days.' That night I sat in a little his dereliction he had been busy taking care of an inboxicated senstor of the United States, who had wandered into forbidden fields with a large sum of money on his person and an overwhelming confidence in his ability to take care of himself and his property. Such incidents are by no means common in the police annals of Washington, and I have heard it said by people who pretended to know that fully third of the senators and members of congress lead here in Washington a sort of double life. These are things which self respecting newspaper men do not bother themselves to inquire into, but I cannot the church and all public enterprises, believe that the proportion is as large as that. In the Capitol one may any day see circumstantial evidence that certain senstors and representatives are reckless of the sort of company they keep, but I am oppleasant indications to be seen in a few in-

agents and adventure as crowd around a captivate us co to compromise us. Now, my wife is one of the best of living women, but at the same time she is inordinately suspicious and jealous. A dozen times a month she sees or hears samething which makes her uncomfortable and, perhaps, unimppy. She admits that it is foolishness, but in such matters it seems women, or at least a spainting of women, cannot help condemns as absurd and ridiculous. Wellit may seem to you like a laughable mut ter, but to me it is a tragedy. I am actually going out of public life for the simple reason that I do not care to be annoyed by t/acse bold women, or to have my wife made miserable by them and by her imagination

as I believe he was It would be very wrong to print his name, but I can assure jors and colonels in which Washington the reader that he gave voles to one of the abounds got to sending out scouts in order men make of the perplexities of their station. I know one congressman who will no respond to a card sent him by a lady unless he knows her, or she is vouched for by some one he does know. Another con gressman of my acquaintance always asks the messenger or page who carries the card if the lady is young and handsome, and if she is he refuses to go out to see

There is very little public gambling in Washington, and a great deal of private poker playing. In most of the clubs poker permitted, and every night during the winter season there are hundreds and hundrees of quiet little games going on in There is a game known as the senatorial game, in which the limit is usually \$10 and in which the western style of playing is in vogue. The dealer "antes" \$5, the next man to his left holds the "age, and if no one opens the pot till it comes all the others may stay or raise, or pass out, as they see fit. In this game "blazers" are played all face or court cords to beat two pairs, and "straights around the corner" are permissible. That is, a queen, king, kee, dence and tray make a sequence, the three spot being the highest eard and fix-ing the value of the straight as against another sequence. These senatorial players also deal six cards to each player, the bjest being to enliven the game by calling out a greater number of betting hands than in fire card poker. While six cards are dealt, of course the draw is made to five cards, as in all games of poker. If a player

stands put he simply discards one card It was in this game that the remarkable incident occurred a few weeks ago of a senator from Pennsylvania holding a straight flush over four aces in the hands of a sonator from the west. In the mind of the average newspaper reader there is a general distrust of poker stories, and most of the oard tales sent out from Washington, parsicularly those describing high betting and public gambling, are the product of some one's lively imagination. But I happen to know that this particular oker story is a true one, and a certain exsenator of the United States was the dealer of the remarkable hands. This ex-senator is one of President Harrison's warmest friends. They were cronics in the senate and have continued their intimacy ever since. The sequel of that peker story re mains to be told. When President rison saw the published account of the renarkable game in which the rare and beautiful straight flush had vanouished a quartet of aces he sent for hi friend the ex-senster and read him a lecture about a yard long, all of which th finder accepted with becoming humility nd contrition, and then turned round at very might and won 8050 from one of

Wr. Harrison's chief officehelders. One of the members of the senatorial ker solerie, w. a is very select and se-

te that of poker. "Do you know," re irked he, "that our poker set fairly rue United States senate? Well, that We know and trust each other : wand trust none of our other co We are always ready to do any on a member of the poker so d among the others, and th know a way is found in

which to accomplish the purpose in view It is a reasonable and proper thing, too, this influence of poker on legislation There is nothing like poker for getting at a man's character. The coward, the cheat, the ingrate, the grasping, selfish man will show himself in his true colors as sure as guns if he plays poker. Sit down with a man for an hour or two in a little poker game, and when you get up you know that man like a book. You are ready either to

drop him or back him as a man. "Some years ago," continued this sense tor, "I was in charge of the credit depart ment of a prominent mercantile house in which I was a partner. A country merchant came up to town and wanted time on a large bill of goods. We did not know him very well, and so I said he would have to wait a few hours till I could make some man. It was not very good. Then I wanted to know what the matter was, and they said nothing except that he gambled. 'Well, how does he gamble?' I inquired. 'He plays poker habitually with some of the other business men of his town.' 'Anvthing else?' 'Nothing that we know of.' country merchant come in I put on my sternest look and said to him: 'Sir. how dare you come here and ask for credit when you are addicted to such wicked practices as you are?' 'What?' he gasped. 'Do you mean to say,' I went on, 'that you do not gamble two or three times a week at your home! 'Of course I do,' he replied; 'once or twice a week some friends and I get together and play poker, five dollar limit, that's all.' 'Now that you have confessed your sin,' I said, 'there is one thing more I want to know. Are you a good poker player? Do you manage to win as much as you lose, or are you a sucker?' 'Well prove gambling and I guess it must be a bad business, but if you are able to keep up your end we are not afraid of you as a game with our country customer at my louse. I had become interested in him and wanted to see what sort of a chap he was. Well, in a five dollar game he won more than enough to pay his expenses up to town and back, and displayed one of the ost magnificent nerves I have ever seen. When he went away I told him to draw on as for anything he wanted, as his credit

wish he would come down to congress. would like to get even on that last game One of the senatorial poker players is Senator Vest, of Missouri, though it is hardly fair to mention names in this inposed to condemning so large a proportion stance. Vest is a bright, snappy little of the statesmen as one-third on the un-Vest is a bright, snappy little and every one of them is glad to hear that who said to me the other day: "This is a squeezed senators who said to me the other day: "This is a squeeze sort of life. You know how the women lobbyists and schemers and claim. He has made this by some lines and adventure." the Missouri statesman has recently struck tions in western mining properties, which senator. They take advantage of the op-portunities which are given them by cus-friends as Senator Hearst, of California, om, and boldly send their eards to us at and Martin Maginnis, of Montana. Vest the senate chamber or at our honels or resi- has plenty of nerve, and I am told that he deaces. They seek in every possible way to | put about the last dollar he had in the world on the say so of his friends, and

was unlimited. I knew a man who could

play poker as he did would make his way

in the world. He is now one of the wealth

iest merchants in the state of Iowa and a

leading man of his section, prominent in

luckily it was money well placed. Uncle George" Hearst, by the way, has a fondness for helping his friends make money. He is so familiar with the mining business and the men who are in the bus ness that he can penerally tell where the rospects are good and where they are not. He has belped two or three senators and snug profits within the past year or two. When "Uncle George" first came to Washington as a senator he was feeling so

formed the habit of going about the drink-

ing places in true western fashion, throwing a twenty dollar gold piece on the bar and inviting every one present to step up weeks, till all the old judges and mato learn of the jolly senator's whereabouts As soon as they heard where he was after his trail, and never let up till they had filled their old skins as full as they could get them at Unele George's expense. Now enator Hearst does not throw his mone about in that way, though he is still fond of taking a number of his brother senators lown to Chamberlin's after adjournment for an hour or two of sociability before dinner. Almost every afternoon the jolly old miner may be seen riding down the avenue in snopen carriage with Joe Black-burn, Pugh, Voorhees, Vest or some other senators with him, bound for the famous drinking place in the fashionable west end When Hearst first came to the senate he wanted to make a speech on the occasion of the death of a California member of congress. So he hired a newspaper man to write an eloquent address for him and paid the scribe \$5,500 for his services. But the newspaper chap, being lazy and dishonest. played a scurry trick on his generous em-ployer. Instead of putting his wits to work at the writing of an original address, which he was fully capabic of doing with satis-faction to both orator and audience, he stole all his rhetoric and sentiment fro the obligary addresses to be found in The Congressional Record during the past ten or fifteen years. ROBERT GRAVES. or fifteen years.

The Deadly Overhead Bridge.

Here is a sad story of overhead railroad oridges and warping strings. By the side of a railroad near Ottumwa, Ia., a little way out of the town, stood a brakeman's home. There lived his wife and family. Near by was one of these everhead bridges It was protected by strings on either side One dark night the brakeman was riding by his own home. He stood on the top of the car. No lights or other landmarks were visible in the blackness of the night to tell him where he was. Something happened, just how no one knew, for no eye saw him. But next morning his wife and little daughter found his mangled remains lying almost in their decryard, by the side of the track, and near the overhoad bridge. There was an investigation by the railroad commissioner. The warning the side of the track, and near the everhead bridge. There was an investigation by the railroad eventhesioner. The warning strings were in place. The night had been dark, but not stormy. There was but one explanation of the casualty. The brake-man had remained sitting till the strings were passed, and by some strange and hor-rible chance had risen to a standing posi-tion in the few seconds which elapsed while the train was running from the strings to the bridge. He had stood up on the car just in time to be swept to his death at his just in time to be swept to his death at his owa door.

Strangers Yet. Hardup-Do you see this twenty dollar Dumley-I see that \$30 bill; but why do

you call it William! Harring-Because I am not on sufficiently familiar terms with such an article to address it as Bill.-Chatter.

"Look here, you have been calling upon the family of Col. S-for several years: how is it you don't marry one of his five

daughters!" Haw-you see I should not like to disap point the others."-Humoristische Blact

One Way to Look at It. at the Party-Hans, put down that cake at once; have you no manners?

"Hush, don't speak so loud, pana; vo

ought to be gind that no one saw how bad

ly I have been brought up."-German Ex-

A BOOKWORM'S HEAVEN.

SOME OF THE BEAUTIES OF CHI-CAGO'S PUBLIC LIBRARY.

A Vast Collection Comprising 157,000 Volumes-Eare Tomes and Old, Which John McGovern Handled Reverently and Writes About in an Interesting Way

[Special Correspondence.] CHICAGO, June 3.- The man who owns fifty books wonders how many he possesses, and calls it a hundred. With a hundred volumes he begins to haunt furniture stores and auction shops for a book case With two hundred he need no longer spread inquiries about him. I went down to Brad-street's and asked for the nating of my With four hundred he must have two cases. and when he has a thousand volumes in his house a whole wall may be covered books lie on the floor, in closets, in boxes These records of past and present are some part of his life; they stand ready to do him a particular service, measured exactly not to his needs, but to his merit, for how dif So I went back to the store, and when the ferently does Marcus Aurelius speak to the young and to the old-to the successful and



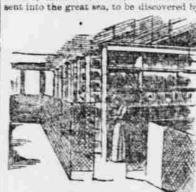
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But there are more than a thousand books, and today I went where there are 157,000. I would, for the reader's sake, that I had been worthy to stand in such a place or that I were able to throw the picture of what I saw. It was not 157,000 good vol-umes, but the good volumes of the world were nearly all there. How did it look? What did I feel? What would you feel? Perhaps I may not deal in vain with the simpler aspects of these important ques

The only handsome and monumental structure in Chicago, to my mind, is the court house, an unfinished work. On the upper floor of a wing of this vast building, and occupying many rooms, is the Public library of Chicago, a thing that seemed to come out of the great fire. The man of 1871 with a thousand books, each marked and companionable, stood out on the prairie and looked up at the seven stars, whither, in the persistence of force, his marked books had that day soared. Public property seemed good enough just then, and hence the Public library. The charitable world gave books along with bread, and some of our folks who could not live by bread alone were saved from starvation. I guess the general idea of a public library is to this effect: A thousand dollars for brick walls and a dollar for a book to ain tables at which ald mon The book worm-I mean the worm itself starts at one corner of the building and goes through the books on four sides; then it takes another shelf: some time off in the ages the book dust will explode, so will the humbug, and the library will be no

I am glad to say Chicago has a scheme that does away with the fine old gentlemen and the massive walls and skylights. A large square room, itself much like any other large room, contains the real operat ing library, and over this collection of books hangs a floor on which scientific works and mere records are arranged. I went today into the middle of this room. Set across the inclosure, in line after line were the book cases, about eight feet high and four feet apart. Kach case is double that is, the back serves for two alleys. I asked how many books were kept here. The librarian answered 100,000. I asked ow many I actually saw now. He said that there were 80,000 books on the shelves and 20,000 "out." I said I wished I knew the collection as well as he and the libra rian was quick to say "Ay" to that, for it is his aim in life to have the people under stand and use the marvelous privilege which is here held freely forth to the citi-

room as you stand here. Over there is a room twice as large as this, filled to overflowing with readers of periodicals; nearer is a large reference room, where good books may be studied. Here is a directors' room stored with books worth \$1,000 each. Here is the office of the secretary, where your magnum opns, if you have written one, is sent into the great sea, to be discovered by



A VIEW IN THE LIBRARY.

the eye of some searcher in the catalogue I asked how it went with your magnum opus when it was dropped in this deep sea without the proper marks on its cover. The librarian said it was lost for years Twenty-five books were thus sent wander-ing in chaos in 1889. Nought but a skilled omparison of the book's contents with the symbol by which it is marked will deliver you again to the world, and that compari son may never come. Seventeen of these Flying Dutchmen were discovered and re-

stored in 1889. We entered the librarian's office, and I sat down in the midst of catalogues that fined the room-I should say 1,500 volumes of catalogues. The librarian, Frederick H. Hild, is but 21 years old, and looks ten years younger. When he attends the national council of librarians he finds him self the greatest lender and the youngest of the lot. He was born on the southern edge of Lincoln Park, and, after going t school, entered the library when it was as the corner of Wabash avenue and Madison sixteen years ago. His first duty was t issue books at night; then by day, When

the library moved to Lake and Dearborn he was transferred to the reference department, where he served six-years. It would seem that Mr. Poole, the original librarian. from the first found a valuable assistant in

oung Hild

In 1881 the Chicago boy became an as sistant librarian, and spent several years among the catalogues. In 1887, when Mr. Poole was called to the Newberry library he left to the city a successor drilled in all the old methods and familiar with the collection. The employes generally have kept their positions, the secretary, Mr. Wickersham, having served continu usly since 1872. The library is governed by a board of nine directors, and these city officers, the other day, re-elected Mr. Hild for another year, his fourth. The citizen who will touch the library personally, and become lost in its immensity, will be thankful that the times and the manners still permit a Chicago lad to enter at the foot and ascend to the summit. The Public library, served by a procession of po-litical ward bummers, would be a sight for Marco Polo or Mango Park-yes, for Munchausen himself.

When a man writes a book to give you the names of books on cholers, it is a "hibliography of cholera." There are publica tions, such as the bibliography of the surgeon general's office, that defy ordinary conception. There are bibliographies giv ing the auction prices of rare books, and teaching you that Quaritch, of London, sets the price for the world. Thus your Augustan History of 1620, which Quaritch doesn't want, goes for \$3, while some book made the same year, of no comparative literary value, brings \$5,000 because Quaritch starts the bidding with \$3 and keeps on I have a friend who possesses 1,500 dictionaries, a library to silence men the minute they see it. This room of Librarian Hild is of the same power. Here are the cata logues of the leading libraries of the En glish speaking world.

Here are the publications of Brunet Panzer, Querard, Lorenz, Kayser, Hein richs, Silva, Lowndes, Hein, Ebert, Peig not. Bear with me, reader, for by these means the librarian develops. He has \$80,000 to expend each year. He was also sent gifts of \$40,000 last year. There is nothing too good or too costly for this ollection of Chicago. Some of these bib lingraphies are as large as the Encyclopes dia Britannica. And now I have arrived at my point, for here are no less than three Bibliographies of Bibliographie these large books naught but bibliogra phies are given a paragraph. The encyclo pedias. The Congressional Globa and Res ord, Hansard's or Harper's Magazine would have no mention in precincts so select. Will books go on until we shall have a "bibliography of bibliographies of bibliog



RESERVED FOR THE WOMEN. The library, I may inform genuine scholars, is called strong in Egyptology, costume, periodicals and American history In French literature there seems to me to be enough to set an amateur upon schemes of war and conquest for possession.

I saw the twelve elephant folios of Lenslus; the four similar books of the Cham nollions: the four of Roberts Each of these works presents Egypt to the eye in great colored pictures. You may see such a rock as the great pyramid covers. You may look at the site of Lake Moeris with out going on a camel. I saw Boisseree's gallery of art antiquities; great books of the Vatican, the Louvre, Florence; Alphand's "Promenades of Paris"-a book we will lean on in the World's fair. I saw collections of Gruner Daly, Richardson. Racinet and Dresser-all at the service of students or masters. The twelve voltimes of manuscript reproductions of British archives would be a life study. are lifty-seven volumes of "Beaux Arts." In these twenty-three botany books are 2,500 colored plates, covering every flower in every public garden in Europe.

About a thousand years after Boethius lied Anton Koberger, at Nuremberg, printed a beautiful copy of the "Consolntions of Philosophy." This book, new 414 tions of Philosophy." This book, new 414 years old, seems as good and as clean as new. It was made with movable metal ypes in 1476. I saw a Koberger "Golden Legend" of 1482, and a Koberger Bible of 467 folios in its ancient binding. What did I see in the 80,000 volumes-for

these other things are in the officers' quarters? Well, I had hoved to make an impression picture by actually giving you the contents of the work called "Memoires Relative to the French Revolution." But open Cariyle's essay on this event and credit me with sitting on a stool and tak memoires which are quoted in Carlyle's sion-every one save the "Two Friends of Liberty," which I suppose I overlooked.
I counted forty-six priceless recitals, such as those of the Abbe Sicard, Mme. Roland, old Choiseul, Besenval, Bailly, Linguet, Dusaulx, Montgaillard. I handled vol-umes telling at first hand all that is certainly known of the killing of the Bourbon prince in the ditch at Vincennes; the tak ing of the Bastile; the flight of Louis XVI; the September massacres; the fish wives at

volumes, but I am an insect recalled irre-sistibly to this crimson flower of time-this tipping of a throne and discovery that it is "wood covered with velvet." I rivet my eyes to this ene series, I look abroad no more, and I give thanks humbly for that narrowness of intellect and mission which permits me to burn so loudly among the silencing sylendors of the human mind.

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Second Pretty Girl-Why, my dear, you are mistaken. He has been looking steadily at you, excepting when you turned in his direction, and then he would look at me to

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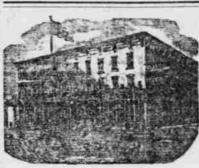
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